



## **THE FARMER'S COW HOSTS THE NINTH ANNUAL CELEBRATION OF CONNECTICUT FARMS**

**Lebanon, Connecticut, July 20, 2009** – Those wishing to help preserve Connecticut farmland and have a culinary afternoon to remember should mark their calendars for September 13. The Farmer's Cow, local dairy farmers providing Connecticut-produced fresh milk, cream and other products, will be hosting and co-sponsoring the Ninth Annual Celebration of Connecticut Farms that day from noon until 4:30 p.m. at Graywall Farms in Lebanon.

“The event is known as ‘the hottest food event in the state’ and we’re proud to not only be one of the sponsors, but have one of our member farms host it,” says Robin Chesmer, Managing Partner for The Farmer's Cow and owner of host Graywall Farms. “This year Jacques Pépin and Faith Middleton will be the honorary chairpersons and will preside over a feast of delicious locally prepared foods by some of our state's finest chefs. Plus there will be live music, a silent auction, and farm tours.”

All of the proceeds from the event benefit the Connecticut Farmland Trust, which is Connecticut's only statewide conservation organization dedicated solely to permanently protecting Connecticut's dwindling farmland.

“This is an important fundraiser for the Connecticut Farmland Trust and is a great showcase of how rich our state is in agriculture,” says Chesmer. “There will be over 23 chefs and restaurants represented, producers of local cheese and bread, locally produced wines and beers, and many farmers and producers as well. Tickets always sell out so people need to reserve their space ahead of time.”

Admission is \$150 per person, with \$75 of that fee being a tax-deductible gift.



Various sponsorships are also available. For information and to purchase tickets visit [www.ctfarmland.org](http://www.ctfarmland.org) and click on “events.”

### **About The Farmer’s Cow**

The Farmer’s Cow is a group of six Connecticut dairy farms that produces fresh, hormone-free milk, and other dairy products for Southern New England. They also sell Connecticut-sourced, all-natural eggs, apple cider, and seasonal beverages. The Farmer’s Cow’s mission is to promote Connecticut agriculture and show that “Local is Fresh!” For more information visit [www.TheFarmersCow.com](http://www.TheFarmersCow.com) or call (866) 355-2697.

### **About the Connecticut Farmland Trust**

Connecticut Farmland Trust is the only private, statewide, nonprofit, conservation organization dedicated exclusively to protecting Connecticut’s working farmland. For more information about CFT and to see a list of preserved farms please visit [www.ctfarmland.org](http://www.ctfarmland.org).

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